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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed is Form PTO-1449 identifying five (5) references.
Also enclosed are copies of the five identified references.

The present application is the United States National Phase of PCT/SE2005/000397. The five identified references were cited in the International Search Report issued in connection with the corresponding PCT application.

EP 1464546 was published on October 6, 2004. The respective United States filing date of the present United States National

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Phase is March 18, 2005, which corresponds to the filing date of the corresponding PCT application. Accordingly, EP 1464546 is not prior art to the present application under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) since it was not published more than one year prior to the effective filing date of the United States patent application. EP 1464546 is not prior art to the present application under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) since the priority date of the present application, March 23, 2004, constitutes a constructive date of invention prior to the publication date (October 6, 2004) of EP 1464546. Accordingly EP 1464546 is not prior art to the present United States patent application.

Applicant further notes that neither US2004/0207217A or DE 10314905 A, B, which are indicated to be related to EP 1464546 in the International Search Report, constitute prior art to the present application. US2004/0207217A was published on October 21, 2004 which is not more than one (1) year prior to the effective U.S. filing date (March 18, 2005) of the present U.S. National Phase, and the priority date of the U.S. National Phase (March 23, 2004) precedes the filing date (March 25, 2004) of the published U.S. application.

DE 10314905 was published on November 4, 2004, which is not more than one year prior to the effective U.S. filing date (March 18, 2005) of the present U.S. National Phase, and the priority

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date of the U.S. National Phase (March 23, 2004) precedes the publication date (November 4, 2004) of DE 10314905.

In view of the above, neither US2004/0207217A or DE 10314905 A, B, constitute prior art to the present U.S. National Phase.

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The remaining four references identified on PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application in Category A, indicating that each of these four references merely defines the general state of the art, and is not considered to be relevant to the PCT claims. Applicant notes that the claims of the present United States National Phase corresponds to the PCT claims.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Written Opinion issued by the International Searching Authority in connection with the corresponding PCT application. The Written Opinion indicates that EP 1464546 was not considered because its publication date is subsequent to the priority date claimed in the corresponding PCT application. The Written Opinion concludes that the PCT claims, which correspond to the claims of the United States National Phase, are patentable over the four remaining references

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cited in the International Search Report and identified on the
enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Applicant respectfully requests that the enclosed reference
be formally cited of record in connection with the United States
National Phase as generally defining the background state of the
art.

Respectfully submitted,



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